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SUBJECT: MINMINES AGAIN COMMENTS ON OIL SUPPLY

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1. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS HUGO PEREZ LA SALVIA WAS AGAIN QUESTIONED OCTOBER 16 ABOUT EFFECT OF MIDDLE EAST WAR ON VENEZUELAN OIL PRODUCTION. ALTHOUGH NO TEXTS ARE AVAILABLE OF SPONTANEOUS PRESS CONFERENCES SUCH AS THIS ONE, GIVEN WHEN MINISTER WAS LEAVING WEEKLY MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CALDERA AND COPEI POLITICAL COMMITTEE, A REASONABLY ACCURATE ACCOUNT CAN GENERALLY BE PIECED TOGETHER FROM NEWS-PAPER REPORTS.

2. PEREZ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT VENEZUELA DOES NOT WISH TO PROFIT FROM BAD LUCK OR SUFFERING OF OTHER PEOPLES. "MOREOVER", HE REPORTEDLY SAID, "VENEZUELA HAS ITS POLICY OF PRODUCTION WITHIN POTENTIAL AND MAINTAINING MOST STRICK RULES OF CONSERVATION. ALSO, VENEZUELA IS NOT IN CONDITION NOR IS IT DISPOSED TO AUGMENT PRODUCTION."

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3. PEREZ ALSO SPOKE OF THE UNFAVORABLE EFFECT OF THE
WAR ON HUMANITY AND POSSIBILITY IT COULD HAVE EFFECT
ON WORLD ENERGY SCENE. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, HE
SAID THAT THE WAR IS CONFINED TO A PART OF THE MIDDLE
EAST AND SHOULD NOT HAVE LARGE REPERCUSSIONS ON WORLD ENERGY
PROBLEM.
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